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25/9/26

Dear Parents/Carers

If your child has any allergies please can you let school know. It is essential that we are aware if any substance could cause your child to become unwell, even if it is simply a rash.

Tea Time Club:

Bingo Night was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in.

The next event is on Wednesday 7th October – come along to **DIY Pizza Night!**

Don't forget to book on with the school office so you can enjoy all the fun.

Banana Day in support of Fairtrade:

Thank you for all your support today. We had delicious banana bread and milkshakes made by staff, families and children. Your hard work was very much appreciated. Fairtrade is such an important, ethical trade movement that aims to secure fairer working conditions, stable minimum prices, and additional community funds for producers in developing countries. Well done to Year 3/4 for supporting such a worthwhile organisation.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Wednesday 30th September at 10am. This will take place at St Mary's Church and will be led by our Year 1 pupils. Friends and families of pupils in Year 1 are welcome to join us.

Themed Lunch:

There will be an American themed lunch on Thursday 1st October. This will include burgers, wedges, pancakes and waffles. Your child can book their lunch on the morning of the 1st October and you will then pay for it on Arbor.

Robinwood:

The children will be due back from Robinwood approximately 3.00pm on Sunday 27 September. This can only be an estimate, due to the unexpected delays which can occur. If this happens you will be notified by a message on Arbor.

Welcome Service change of date:

Please note that the date of the Welcome Service has changed to **Tuesday 13th October**. It is still at St Mary's Church. If your child has recently joined our school you are welcome to attend.



Eden Camp:

Year 5 children will be going on a trip to **Eden Camp on the 13th October**. The cost of the trip is £25 and is now on Arbor. Please make sure this is paid as we will have to cancel the trip if we do not receive enough contributions.

Young Voices

Year 6 children will be taking part in a Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena on Tuesday 23 February. The payment is on Arbor. If you would like to order any Adult Spectator tickets school needs the completed form and cash payment by **Friday 16 October**.

Universal Credit and Free School Meals:

Do you receive Universal Credit? If so you would qualify for Free School meals/ a free meal.

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, attending relevant schools, will be entitled to receive a free meal.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit and so can now receive a free school dinner

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please log on and apply if you haven't already done so. Any problems please let Mrs Grant know.

Upcoming events:

Event	Date	Who is invited?	Where will it take place?
Go Bananas Day – wear yellow to highlight Fairtrade	25/9/26	Whole school	School
Robinwood	25/9/26 – 27/9/26		
Harvest Festival	30/9/26 10am	Families and friends of Year 1 pupils	St Mary's Church
Themed lunch	1/10/26	Whole school	School
School photographs Individuals and siblings	6/10/26	Whole school	School
Parents Evening Bookings will open later in the term	6/10/26 3.30 – 6.00pm	Whole school	School
Parents Evening Bookings will open later in the term	8/10/26 3.10 – 5.30pm	Whole school	School
Year 6 NCMP Screening	13/10/26	Year 6	School
Welcome Service CHANGE OF DATE	13/10/26 10am	Family and friends of pupils who are new starters to our school.	St Mary's Church



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School Book Fair	19/10/26 – 23/10/26	Whole school	School
Flu vaccines	20/10/26	Reception to year 6	School
School Discos £4 per child. Please pay on Arbor	22/10/26 3pm - 4pm: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 4.15pm – 5.15pm: Years 3 - 6	Whole school	School hall
Last day of the half term	23/10/26		

Coffee Morning:

Coffee mornings are held in the Children's Centre on Tuesdays and will be run by Miss Alderson. Everyone is welcome so after you have dropped off your children pop in for a drink and a chat. Coffee morning runs until 10am.

After School Clubs for this half term:

DAY	CLUB	Year groups
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Reception to Year 6
Thursday	Football	Reception to Year 6



Training Days for this year

30 th November 2026
4 th January 2027
22 nd February 2027
4 th May 2027

Yours sincerely

Miss J. Barker